

Two new members of the board of trustees at New York headquarters are John D. English and Thomas A. Larkin. Mr. Larkin is a member of Goodbody & Company, a New York investment firm. Mr. English is Regional Vice President of the Monarch Life Insurance Company, Chicago. Mr. Larkin is also a member of the Board of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, and Mr. English is a member of the board of the Chicago Henry George School.

Advanced courses beginning the week of January 9th are Readings in Philosophy, by Mordecai Sandberg; Great Books, under George

Royal, the dean; Economic History of the U.S., taught by Joseph L. Sola; Democracy Vs. Socialism, will be repeated under the direction of Marshall DeAngelis; Dynamic Psychology is again available under James A. Murphy; and a new course is Philosophy of Nietzsche with James. E. Phillips leading.

The Science of Political Economy will be given on Wednesday evening, beginning January 11th, by Joseph Jespersen; and Applied Economics will be given three times a week by Francis Nicosia, Frank L. Bang and James A. Murphy.

Basic classes begin January 16th.



What Now, Socrates?

AUTOMATED education is just around the corner, according to the Education Editor of the New York Herald Tribune. A machine now in the experimental stage has proved successful and it seems fairly certain that five years from now self-teaching machines will be used by many schools and colleges. By 1960 careful testing should have established the best of these devices and made them a necessary part of the teaching process, the editor states.

In the experiments the student preference seemed to be for a combination of teacher and machine, despite marked success from the completely mechanized lessons. The machine is very costly, but as 100 students can be served at once the strain on overburdened teachers is promptly lessened.

Televised instruction is already very familiar to us, but this has been criticized as standardizing the material and placing the student in a passive role. It is expected that an entire high

school mathematics curriculum, also foreign languages, will be ready on Encyclopaedia Britannica Films at a cost of about \$10 a pupil before the year is ended.

Without realizing it we have been drifting into mechanized helps with, it appears, very favorable results. It is becoming increasingly common to find groups interested in special subjects gathering regularly to listen to tape recordings of well-chosen lectures. Information and instruction can be transmitted easily, compactly and quickly with recorders so small they fit into a brief case.

Some or all of these adjuncts are undoubtedly in use among various extensions and we would appreciate brief comments on any experiments in this field. If readers are interested they could then get in touch with extensions that have made use of TV, tapes, slides or other mechanized means. It may be that experience shared can be mutually beneficial, interesting and socially rewarding.